

Senate Resolution 1161

By: Senators Wiles of the 37th, Hudgens of the 47th, Smith of the 52nd, Pearson of the 51st, Harp of the 29th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 12, 2008, as "Boy Scout Day in Georgia"; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, scouting evolved during the early 1900's through the efforts of several men
3 dedicated to bettering youth, who conceived a program of outdoor activities that developed
4 skills in young boys and gave them a sense of enjoyment, fellowship, and a code of conduct
5 for everyday living; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Baden-Powell, known as
7 the founder of the Scouting Movement, wrote *Scouting for Boys* which sparked the formation
8 of Scout troops across the world such that by 1922 there were more than a million Scouts in
9 32 countries and by 1939 the number of Scouts was in excess of 3.3 million; and

10 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America endeavors to develop American citizens who are
11 physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced
12 in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on
13 religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the
14 American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take
15 pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen
16 respect for the basic rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give
17 leadership to American society; and

18 WHEREAS, thousands of volunteer leaders across the United States, both men and women,
19 are involved in the Boy Scout program, serving in a variety of jobs from unit leaders to
20 chairmen of troop committees, committee members, merit badge counselors, and chartered
21 organization representatives; and

22 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost program of character
23 development and values based leadership training for youth, fostering the philosophy of duty
24 to God, country, and self and a commitment to others through a comprehensive program of
25 responsible fun, outdoor adventure, and service projects; and

1 WHEREAS, scouting has been an integral part of the lives of so many of our leaders and
2 men who have shaped America, such as George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Sanford Bishop,
3 Sam Nunn, John Glenn, Buzz Aldrin, Jimmy Stewart, Jimmy Buffet, and Henry "Hank"
4 Aaron; and

5 WHEREAS, such a worthwhile program deserves respect, admiration, gratitude, and
6 commendation for the impact it has had and continues to have on the character of the youth
7 of this state and this nation.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the Boy Scouts of
9 America are hereby commended for their many achievements and contributions to the
10 welfare of this state and March 12, 2008, is hereby recognized as "Boy Scout Day in
11 Georgia."

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Boy Scouts of America.